

# Senate File 2291 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 2291

BY ADMINISTRATIVE RULES REVIEW  
COMMITTEE

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to para-educators holding substitute  
2 authorizations and including effective date provisions.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. PARA-EDUCATORS HOLDING SUBSTITUTE AUTHORIZATIONS  
2 — 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.

1. For the school year beginning July 1, 2021, a para-educator certified under section 272.12 with a substitute authorization may substitute in any classroom in grades pre-kindergarten through twelve, except a driver's education classroom.

2. A school district shall make a good-faith effort to employ a substitute teacher who is not a para-educator before employing a para-educator for a position pursuant to subsection 1. A school district employing a para-educator as a substitute pursuant to subsection 1 shall compensate the person at the same rate as would be provided to a substitute teacher who is not a para-educator for the same work.

3. The board of educational examiners may adopt emergency rules under section 17A.4, subsection 3, and section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement the provisions of this section and the rules shall be effective immediately upon filing unless a later date is specified in the rules. Any rules adopted in accordance with this section shall also be published as a notice of intended action as provided in section 17A.4.

23       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate  
24 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

25	EXPLANATION
----	-------------

26 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
27 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

28 This bill provides that for the school year beginning July 1,  
29 2021, a certified para-educator with a substitute authorization  
30 may substitute in any classroom in grades pre-kindergarten  
31 through 12, except a driver's education classroom.

32 The bill requires a school district to make a good-faith  
33 effort to employ a substitute teacher who is not a  
34 para-educator before employing a para-educator for a position  
35 pursuant to the bill. The bill requires a school district

1 employing a para-educator as a substitute pursuant to the bill  
2 to compensate the person at the same rate as would be provided  
3 to a substitute teacher who is not a para-educator for the same  
4 work.

5     The bill authorizes the board of educational examiners to  
6 adopt emergency rules to implement the bill. The bill takes  
7 effect upon enactment.